

Prepositions

Prepositions in Arabic are used just like in English; they come before the noun,

Around the house = hawla al bait (around = hawla).

In front of the house = amama al bait (amama= in front of).

Some prepositions that are one word in English may contain two words in Arabic, for example (among = men bayn) which means literally “from between”. And vice versa, some Arabic one word may be the equivalent of a compound English preposition, like: in front of = fawka.

Arabic Demonstrative Prepositions

- This = used for masculine: hatha (th as in them) = هذا
- This = used for feminine : hatheh (th as in them) = هذه
- That = used for masculine: thalek (th as in them) = ذلك
- That = used for feminine: tilka = تلك

- These = ha'ola' = هؤلاء
- Those = ola'ek = أولئك

Arabic Prepositions

- About: hawla حول
- By: 'ala على
- On: 'ala... على
- Above: fawqa فوق
- close by: bel qurbi men بالقرب من
- on top of: fawqa... فوق
- according to....: wafqan li ...وفقا لـ
- close to: bejaneb ...بجانب
- Opposite to: 'aksa...عكس
- Across: 'abra عبر
- Concerning: bekhoosoo بخصوص
- Out: khaarej... خارج
- After: ba'da بعد
- Despite: raghma رغم
- Outside....: bel kharej men... بالخارج

- Against: dedda ضَدَّ
- Down: tahta تَحْتَ
- Over: ‘ala... عَلَى
- ahead of: amama أَمَامَ
- due to: naatej ‘an نَاتَجَ عَنْ
- Per ...: li kolli... لِكُلِّ
- all over: men jaded مِنْ جَدِيدٍ
- During: khelaala خِلَالِ
- Plus ...: idafatan ila...إِضَافَةً إِلَى
- Along: ‘ala tool عَلَى طَوْلِ
- except for: bestethnaa’ (th as in think) بِاسْتِثْنَاءِ
- Regarding: bekhusoos...بِخُصُوصِ
- Among: men bayn مِنْ بَيْنِ
- Excluding: mostathnian مُسْتَثْنِياً
- Save: bestithnaa’ (th as in think)...بِاسْتِثْنَاءِ
- Around: hawla حَوْلَ
- for: li.... لِ
- similar to: moshaabeh li...مِثَابَهُ لِ
- As: ka..كَ
- From: men مِنْ

- Since: mundu... منذُ
- As ... as: ... ka ... كَ
- In: fi... فِ
- Than: men... مِنْ
- Aside: bejaaneb بجانب
- in front of: amama أَمَامَ
- thanks to....: befadli... بفضل
- At: ‘ala عَلَى
- in place of: makana ... مَكَانَ
- Through: khelaala .. خِلَالَ
- away from: ba’eedan ‘an بَعِيداً عَنْ
- in spite of: berraghmi men.... بِالرَّغْمِ مِنْ
- Till: ila (or) ila ghaayat ... إِلَى or إِلَى غَايَةِ
- because of: besababi بِسَبَبِ
- Including: mo’taberan مَعْتَبِراً
- To: ila ... إِلَى
- Before: qabla قَبْلَ
- Inside: beddakhel... بِالْإِخْلَالِ
- Towards: bettejaah ... بِاتِّجَاهِ
- Behind: waraa’ وَرَاءَ

- instead of: 'ewadan 'an ... عوضاً عن
- Under: tahta... تحت
- Below: tahta تحت
- Less: aqal... أقل
- Unlike: kheelafan 'an... خلافاً عن
- Beneath: men taht من تحت
- Like: methla ... (or) ka .. كَ (or) . مثل ..
- Until: ila ghayet ... الى غاية
- Beside: bejaneb بجانب
- Minus: naqes ... ناقص
- Up: fawq فوق
- Besides: bel idafati ila بالإضافة الى
- Near: qareeb... قريب
- Versus: 'aaksa .. عكس
- Between: bayna بين
- near to: qareeb men.... قريبٌ من
- Via: 'abra.... عبر
- Beyond: wara'a وراء
- next to: bejaneb ... بجانب
- With: ma'a.... مع

- But: laken لكن
- Of: men (not for possessive)... من
- Without: bedoon...بدون